

In addition to voting for health care reform on Sunday, I also spoke at the March for America, a rally for Comprehensive Immigration Reform on the National Mall. Over 200,000 people marched through the streets of our nation's capital, waving American flags and raising signs voicing their desire for an overhaul of our country's broken and long-ignored immigration system. I have long said that a punitive, enforcement-only approach to immigration reform is not the solution. Instead, I believe in humane reform that respects the dignity of immigrant communities and recognizes their contributions to our economy and our society, while simultaneously securing our borders and protecting our national security is the best road to comprehensive immigration reform.

The current immigration system is broken. Some must wait years, sometimes decades, to reunite with their family members who are eligible to legally immigrate to the United States because of backlogs and bureaucratic delays. Immigrants are often deprived of due process rights that are fundamental to America's notion of liberty. This is why I introduced the Reuniting Families Act, a piece of legislation that will ensure family immigration remains a cornerstone of our immigration system – for all families.

It was inspirational to see such a diverse group of people united in support of reforming our current immigration system. I am committed to this reform and look forward to working with my fellow members of Congress and President Obama to creating a generous, fair, and long overdue overhaul of our immigration system.

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